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## **VIA ECF**

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni United States District Judge Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: <u>Joffe v. King & Spalding</u>, No. 17-cv-3392-VEC-SDA

Dear Judge Caproni:

The undersigned is the plaintiff in the above-captioned action, proceeding <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>. The undersigned writes concerning the Notice of Appeal (Doc. No. 187) of this Court's September 25, 2019 Order (Doc. No. 184) (the "Order") resolving terminated counsel's motion to affix a charging lien, which was filed by the undersigned earlier today.

As set forth in the Notice of Appeal, the undersigned appeals the Order, pursuant to the collateral-order doctrine, as a final decision on a matter "sufficiently distinct from the main litigation to be appealable as [a] collateral order[]." See Sutton v. N.Y. City Transit Auth., 462 F.3d 157, 159 (2d Cir. 2006) (exercising jurisdiction while "the underlying Title VII suit remains pending in the District Court"); see also Digital Equip. Corp. v. Desktop Direct, 511 U.S. 863, 867-86 (1994) (collateral orders subject to "final decision' rule laid down by Congress in [28 U.S.C.] § 1291"). Accordingly, and for the avoidance of doubt, the undersigned wishes to clarify that, in filing the Notice of Appeal, the undersigned does not seek any stay or adjournment of any current and/or contemplated deadlines in the underlying action against Defendant King & Spalding LLP.

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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